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1. Transmitted herewith is:

Copy 6577 dated 20 Oct. '43 - Palestine - Haj Amin al Husseini, Grand Mufti of Jerusalem.

2. Comments:

This is a very interesting document and an able one presenting the Arab point of view. It is not all past history but it has the value of showing how Haj Amin al Husseini was transformed from a friend of the British to an enemy. Haj Amin is generally looked upon as a man of integrity. Lack of a stable British policy drove him to extremes.

The story is likewise of value as it shows how political blundering in London produced almost instantaneous bloodshed in Palestine. Practically every riot was started by the announcement of some policy which the Arabs felt endangered their future. The Peel report brought on the bloodiest of all the rebellions of 1936-9. Lack of clear definitions and failure to insist on carrying out stated temporary policies have bedeviled the relationship of all parties involved in the Palestinian controversy.

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